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SUBJECT: TRADE MINISTER PETER SHORE ON RENEGOTIATION,
MTN AND THE OIL CARGO BILL

AT LUNCH WITH SENATOR RIBICOFF AND EMBASSY OFFICERS
JANUARY 3, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE PETER SHORE HAD
FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:

L. RENEGOTIATION: IN RESPONSE TO RIBICOFF'S QUESTION,
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SHORE SAID WHETHER HE IS FOR OR AGAINST MEMBERSHIP IN

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES DEPENDS ON THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS; THE TERMS UNDER WHICH BRITAIN JOINED THE EC WERE HIGHLY UNFAVORABLE AND BRITAIN SHOULD STAY IN ONLY IF TERMS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED IN BRITAIN'S FAVOR. HE SAID BRITAIN'S TRADE HAS SUFFERED FROM MEMBERSHIP AND EMPHASIZED AGRICULTURE, THE BUDGETARY PROBLEM AND SOVEREIGNTY AMONG RENEGOTIATION PROBLEMS. ASKED ABOUT THE DEBATE ON MEMBERSHIP IN BRITAIN, HE SAID IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE A CASE AGAINST THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE THE PRESS IS ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF CONTINUED BRITISH MEMBERSHIP. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE REGARDS THE ISSUE OF CONTINUED BRITISH MEMBERSHIP AS VERY MUCH AN OPEN QUESTION. HE THINKS THE REFERENDUM PROBABLY WILL BE HELD IN JUNE.

2. TRADE NEGOTIATIONS: SHORE SAID HE CONTINUES TO FAVOR A LIBERAL POLICY AND THE REMOVAL OF BARRIERS, THOUGH HE DID NOT APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO THE MAJOR TRADING NATIONS

3. SHORE WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S POCKET VETO OF THE OIL CARGO BILL. SENATOR RIBICOFF SAID HE HAS NO DOUBT THE BILL WILL BE REINTRODUCED IN THE NEXT SESSION OF CONGRESS

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